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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES - 1974/75 TRAVEL-ONLY YUGOSLAV RESEARCH

SCHOLAR NOMINEE SRECKO KILIC

REF: AYES MEMORANDUM 89-1974

1. CIES INFORMS DEPARTMENT IT CANNOT RECOMMEND KILIC FOR TRAVEL-ONLY GRANT SINCE DOLS 250 PER MONTH FELLOWSHIP FROM SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF CROATIA INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT HIM DURING STAY IN US AND NO INDICATION IN GRANT APPLICATION ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY WILLING ASSIST KILIC IN FINDING INEXPENSIVE HOUSING, BUT CANNOT PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HIM. DEPARTMENT RELUCTANT DEPRIVE KILIC OF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY; HOWEVER, BELIEVE VISIT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR ADEQUATE SUPPORT LACKING. WILLING CONSIDER KILIC'S APPLICATION FURTHER IF AYES OR GRANTEE CAN SUBMIT EVIDENCE THAT MINIMUM OF DOLS 500 PER MONTH AVAILABLE FOR HIS SUPPORT.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCERNED ABOUT NUMBER OF TRAVEL-ONLY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WHICH SHOW INADEQUATE SUPPORT. AS AYES KNOWS, CU/EE INCREASED PER DIEM OF FOREIGN SCHOLARS TO DOLS 23 PER DAY BEGINNING WITH AY 74-75 BECAUSE WE FELT DOLS 18 INADEQUATE. THEREFORE IT NOT REALISTIC FOR COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUALS FOR TRAVEL-ONLY GRANTS WHO WOULD BE RECEIVING LESS THAN DOLS

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500 PER MONTH. THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR

INDIVIDUALS COMING FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS (THREE TO FIVE MONTHS).

3. FURTHER, MANY NOMINATIONS ARE NOT BEING SENT FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW FOR PROPER PROCESSING. IT NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE OBTAIN BFS APPROVAL WITHIN ONE MONTH OR LESS OF DATE OF NOMINATION. TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING, VERIFICATION STATEMENTS SHOULD INDICATE TOTAL SUPPORT PROVIDED FROM ALL SOURCES INCLUDING PERSONAL FUNDS.

4. FOR EXAMPLE, ON AUGUST 20 DEPARTMENT RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR PROFESSOR CEDOMIL LUCU WITH NOTICE THAT COMMISSION MUST RECEIVE REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 1. APPLICATION CANNOT BE PRESENTED TO BFS UNTIL CIES CONTACTS TEXAS A AND M TO CONFIRM AMOUNT OF AWARD. SUPPORTING DOCUMENT MERELY STATES "WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOU DURING TWO TO THREE MONTH STAY." DOUBTFUL THAT SEPTEMBER ONE DEADLINE CAN BE MET. HOWEVER, WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE AND WILL ADVISE COMMISSION OF BFS DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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